

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said means for vertically separating the well comprises dialysis membranes.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said body of the device comprises the material polytetrafluoroethylene.

In The Specification:

On page 1 at line 10, please insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/156,800 filed September 30, 1999.

On page 4 at line 11, please insert after PTFE --(polytetrafluoroethylene or Teflon®)--.

In the Figures:

Please remove Figure 4 and substitute therefore replacement Figure 4 provided herewith.

Remarks

With respect to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby affirm their election of group I, claims 1-17, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search all three groups simultaneously. This argument especially applies with respect to groups I and III, since group III claims are drawn to a method of constructing an equilibrium dialysis apparatus that is virtually identical to the apparatus claimed in group I. If the apparatus is inventive, shouldn't the method of making it be so as well?